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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification and claims 9, 12, 15 and 16.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-18 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The drawings were objected to because reference character "74" was not mentioned in the originally filed specification. Applicants have amended the second full paragraph on page 8 of the specification to describe reference character "74". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

The specification was objected to for containing various minor informalities. With respect to page 8, line 7, the Examiner indicated that "12" should be changed to --15--. However, reference character 15 is shown in Fig. 3A, whereas page 8, line 7 refers to Fig. 1. Reference character 15 is not shown in Fig. 1 which is described on page 8, line 7. As noted above, page 8, line 7 (the second full paragraph on page 8) has been amended to change reference character "12" to reference character --74--, since the castellated member shown in Fig. 1 is denoted as reference character 74, not as reference character 15.

Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner to correct the remaining minor informalities contained therein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Claims 9, 12, 15 and 16 were objected to for containing various minor informalities. Applicants have amended claims 9, 12, 15 and 16 as suggested by the Examiner to correct the minor informalities contained therein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 are allowable, as indicated by the Examiner

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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